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Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 26 April 2000 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the military aggression committed by Turkish forces against northern Iraq on 1, 9 and 10 April 2000, requesting you to do your utmost to urge the Turkish Government to comply with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law by withdrawing its forces from northern Iraq forthwith.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Saeed H. **Hasan**
Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the letter of 10 April 2000 addressed to you by the Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, I have the honour to direct your attention to the fact that on 1, 9 and 10 April 2000, Turkish armed forces committed a fresh military aggression against northern Iraq, along three different axes, as follows:

- A military force consisting of an estimated 2,000 armed troops entered the Jabal Haftin region and the surrounding areas on 1 April 2000;
- A military force consisting of an estimated 500 armed troops entered via the Çukurca-Kani Masi corridor on 9 April 2000;
- A military force consisting of an estimated 500 armed troops entered via the Kirkeh area, south-east of Bikufah, on 10 April 2000 and inspected the area.

This aggression has resulted in physical and mental harm and damage to the property of Iraqi citizens among our Kurdish people in that area, to say nothing of the damage done to public property.

I hope the United Nations will assume its responsibilities under its Charter by acting to prevent more of the threats and aggression to which my country is being subjected. I should like to ask you to do your utmost to urge the Turkish Government to comply with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law by withdrawing its forces from northern Iraq forthwith.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Said **Al-Sahaf**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq